



## **GARDEN STATE BAR ASSOCIATION MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **GARDEN STATE BAR ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS GOVERNOR JON S. CORZINE'S STIMULUS PLAN TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC CRISIS**

**TRENTON, NEW JERSEY** - The Garden State Bar Association (GSBA), representing African American attorneys and promoting initiatives designed to improve economic conditions of all individuals, applauds Governor Jon S. Corzine for his leadership in responding to the economic crisis gripping our nation. Governor Corzine's comprehensive plan, announced today before a joint meeting of the Legislature, recognizes the need for immediate action to assist those hardest hit by the recent economic downturn and to stimulate the economy to spur its recovery.

GSBA President, Greta Gooden Brown, stated "the Governor's plan is needed in these difficult times." GSBA, along with other bar associations and community organizations, welcome the Governor's initiatives that address the alarming increase in mortgage foreclosures, job and business losses, escalating energy costs, and increasing demands for food assistance. Brown added, "this economic crisis affects each and everyone of us in varying degrees, and is particularly devastating to the economically disadvantaged members of our communities. It is imperative that we follow the Governor's lead and work together to provide assistance and find solutions."

Governor Corzine's plan targets critical issues such as protecting homeowners, offering assistance with food as well as oil and gas heat to economically disadvantaged families, promoting job creation and retention, attracting and retaining business, and investing in our future. GSBA urges the Legislature to work in a bipartisan manner to promptly implement and effectuate the Governor's proposals.

GSBA membership stands ready to do its part in assisting the Governor, non-profits and those in need of legal assistance associated with the Governor's initiatives. Brown concluded, "Drastic times call for drastic measures. Governor Corzine has responded forcefully to these challenging times and the citizens and businesses of the State of New Jersey will benefit from his leadership."